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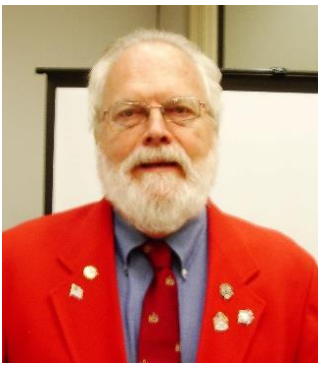

The numismatics hobby held up very well during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Everything slowed down or even stopped for a decent period of time. Activities like coin shows and club meetings are almost back to normal. The attendance is not back to pre-Pandemic levels, but it is close. Hopefully, the mandatory break or slow-down gave collectors and dealers alike a chance to organize their holdings. We still need to be smart about distancing, hand cleaning, shots, etc. but things are almost back and hopefully will continue to improve.

The Maryland State Numismatic Association (MSNA) continues to work to improve our statewide hobby base. If you are a member or a member club and believe that MSNA can be of assistance to you or your club, please contact one of the MSNA officers or board members. In 2023, we hope to have our MSNA exhibits back in the Whitman hall after a space related break. It is important for us to provide these educational views into our hobby world and show the history embodied in numismatics.

There is much to be thankful for in our organization. MSNA has been integral over the years to much of the activity in numismatics. MSNA has been the primary host club for four annual ANA Conventions held here in Baltimore (1985, 1993, 2003 and 2008). For decades, MSNA hosted its own annual coin show at various venues throughout the state. At many of the Baltimore Coin Shows, we provided a Numismatic Speaker Program with some very well-known national and local experts and respected hobbyists at the podium. As mentioned earlier, we regularly do MSNA exhibits at the Baltimore Coin Shows. This activity relies on member volunteers to sustain our efforts. Consider volunteering to help us support our activities. Attend a meeting, buy some MSNA raffle tickets, write an article for the Numismatist.

Speaking of volunteers, we recently lost one of our Past Presidents, Scott Barman. We are saddened by his loss and will certainly miss him and all the support he provided to MSNA. Scott was always pitching in, even when he was not in office. We could use many more members like Scott. He was a real team player who was willing to do his part and more. A real loss. Our condolences to his wife and family.

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Scott Barman Obituary

Scott Allan Barman was born April 6, 1960 in Brooklyn, New York and passed suddenly at a Montgomery County Coin Club (MCCC) meeting on August 9, 2022. Scott received his BS in Computer Science from the University of Georgia in 1983, and his Master's Degree in Information Security and Technology and Public Policy from Carnegie Mellon in 2000. He worked in information systems until he retired in 2018 and started his own business, Maryland Estate Treasures. He had collected coins as a youngster, and returned to numismatics in 2003, when he joined the ANA. He started CoinsBlog.WS in 2005, which awarded Best Blog in 2020 by the Numismatic Literary Guild. He ran unsuccessfully for ANA governor in 2013, but then served on their web site committee. In 2019, he won ANA's Glen Smedley award for his volunteer work. He joined MCCC in 2005, and later served as vice president and president, presiding over MCCC's fiftieth anniversary celebration in September, 2009, and arranging the creation of their distinctive gilded medal. Scott also joined MSNA in 2011, and served as our vice president 2012-3 and as president 2014-5. In the July/August 2010 issue of *The Saturday Evening Post*, their column Collectible News & Notes interviewed Scott. He was also political coordinator for the Golden Silver PAC.

In 2012, Scott Barman published an e-book *Enjoying Numismatics*, which explains how numismatics can open the doors of history and shows new collectors the many ways to collect and enjoy the hobby. He wrote several articles for the *Maryland Numismatist*: "Maryland Colonial and State Currency" Spring 2010, "A Brief History of Anti-Counterfeiting Devices" Autumn 2011, "Star Spangled Banner Dollar Kickoff" Summer 2012, "The 80th Anniversary of Unintended Consequences" (Langford 1933 $20 gold pieces) Autumn 2013, "The Saddle Ridge Hoard" Winter 2014, and "These Chihuahuas are not Dogs" (Mexican banknotes) Autumn 2020.

Scott collected medals and tokens from his native New York City, including subway token errors. He also collected medals and banknotes of his adopted home of Maryland. Donations in his memory can be made to the ASPCA (ASPCA.org), Humane Society (humanesociety.org), and Beagle Rescue, Education, and Welfare (brewbeagles.org).

Left: Scott, as MCCC President, cuts the cake at their golden anniversary celebration in 2009. Right: Scott is sworn in again as MCCC President in 2013.

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The Euro before the Euro – the German 5 Mark

By Mark Benvenuto, MSNA #R-825

The euro and the Euro Zone are now established in enough entities that collectors have an entire series of euro coins and currency to collect from nineteen member states. Coins go from the tiny 1 cent coppers up to the big, bimetallic 2-euro for each country, while the paper denominations have a single design for all states. According to the hefty book of rules governing all things within the zone, there are national commemorative euros as well, often in precious metals. With these tossed into the mix, a person can certainly build an extensive – and possibly an expensive – collection of modern euros. But if we make some broad comparisons, there is another set of coins that represent a welding together of many nations. We are talking about the German mark, and the many coins that made up the national German monetary system. This lasted from the Unification in 1871 up to the catastrophic destruction of the German economy at the end of the First World War. Let's look at one coin in particular, the big, silver German 5-Mark piece.

Prior to 1871, there had been no country, no political body or land, that could call itself Germany, all the way back to the time of Charlemagne – Karl der Grosse in German. The official date at which a great deal of political maneuvering had come to fruition was 18 January 1871, when King Wilhelm I of Prussia was proclaimed the German Emperor. Otto von Bismarck, the Minister President of Prussia, was as deep into this as anyone, and came out of it as the first Chancellor of the new empire. When it came to the coinage, one of the compromises was that all coins of each denomination would be the same weight and fineness, no matter where they were minted. All coins of one mark and below would use common designs, while all silver and gold coins of two marks and above would still be issued by the member states using a distinctive obverse. This was the key that ensured the loyalty of the kings, princes, dukes and other noblemen whose lands became the empire. This also created a standardized coinage that could be used in any city or town in that empire.

The biggest of all the German states was Prussia. Wilhelm got his bearded head on the big coins of Prussia, which includes the five mark. We'll focus on this denomination since it was basically the silver dollar, or crown, of each German land, though heavier since it weighed 27.78 grams (versus 26.73 for the dollar). Since Prussia was the biggest player in the

new political reality that was woven together out of 25 duchies, kingdoms, principalities, and cities, there were plenty of five mark Prussian pieces produced. Even today they are not particularly costly, especially if we are willing to go for a piece that has a bit of wear on it. As with every other series, high end mint state examples can be costly. But $50 will still go a long way towards landing one of these five marks.

The southern end of the new empire was the Kingdom of Bavaria. The monarch who brought Bavaria into the new confederation of states, albeit reluctantly, was Ludwig II, sometimes remembered as "Mad King Ludwig." There doesn't seem to be much evidence that he was really off the proverbial rocker, but as the man who was the shaker and mover behind such beautiful and impractical castles as Neuschwanstein, he gets that informal title. Perhaps because of the king's fame, his five mark coins are a bit more expensive. While prices can be all over the board, it still does seem that the five mark coins of Ludwig are more costly than those of his successor, King Otto, for example. Still, a collector interested in the series and the time shouldn't have too much trouble chasing down a Ludwig II piece.

There are plenty of other five mark pieces we can pursue for a collection, but among those that are both issued by larger monarchies within the German Empire and yet relatively forgotten by all but historians, those of

Saxony are prominent. The Kingdom of Saxony was formed out of the older Electorate of Saxony. The latter term means that Saxony was part of the Holy Roman Empire, and thus had a rather long history, as well as the right to vote in the election of a new Holy Roman Emperor. As with the other German states, Saxony issued a series of its own coins, and the five mark denomination is again not too hard to track down. These pieces can be a bit more pricey than those of Prussia. But spending $200 - $300 and adding one to a growing collection certainly adds depth to it.

Beyond the three kingdoms we have just looked at, a person can have a lot of fun, and learn some fascinating history, in trying to chase down even a single piece from each of the many smaller monarchies that made up the new Germany. For example, finding the Grand Duchy of Mecklenburg-Schwerein will probably take a bit of time when searching any map of Germany. Likewise, the Duchy of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha (the home of British Queen Victoria's husband, Prince Albert) is not particularly easy to pin down on a map. Yet both of these, and several others, issued big, silver 5-Mark coins after the unification.

We have made note of a couple of prices, but the bigger question is: how does one put together an assembly of all these crown-sized German five marks? One easy way might be to hunt down one from each kingdom, duchy, or other state that made up the new empire. Another might be to focus on just one of the many issuing authorities, and learn as much as possible about it, collecting a string of dates. As well, there is nothing wrong with making a hybrid collection, since it will probably be easiest to find different dates of Prussian and Bavarian coins from this general time. They will all be the same weight, the same fineness, and the same dimensions. And at this point in history we can also make the claim that they might be something of a "Euro before the Euro." After all, they did circulate throughout a new, much larger nation and empire.

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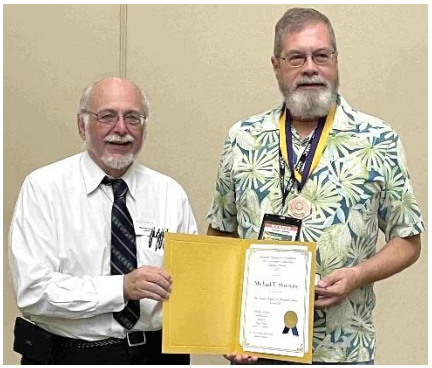
ANA Show Results

The American Numismatic Association (ANA) held their second World's Fair of Money in August since the pandemic outbreak. As last year, it took place in the Chicago suburb of Rosemont. The dealer's tables were spaced apart, and many attendees were masked.



MSNA life member Michael Shutterly won four first-place exhibit class awards. His exhibit "Shining Lights in an Age of Darkness, also won Best of Show, and "Vive le Franc!" won first runner up. His other two exhibits were "The Greatest Battle You (Probably) Never Heard Of" and "Great Art in the Palm of Your Hand."

MSNA Editor and Treasurer Simcha Kuritzky also won four first-place exhibit class awards: "The Heh Amulet" in Engraved Coins, "The Roaring Lion of Megiddo" in Middle East, "Israel's Two-Decade Long Road to Standardized Gold Coinage" in Gold, and "Feline Paper Money Type Set" in Convention Theme (the Natural World).

MSNA honorary life member David Schenkman received the Heath Literary Award first place for "Whitehead & Hoag: Advertising Innovators" (April 2021 *The Numismatist*), and second place for "Company Stores & Scrip in America, Parts 1 & 2" (August-September 2021), which also won the Catherine Sheehan Literary Award for U.S. Paper Money Studies, first place.

Local News

Maryland State Numismatic Society will hold their annual meeting solely on Zoom for the first time, on Tuesday, November 1 at 7:00 PM. The Meeting ID is 898 3879 2049 and the Passcode is 059516.

In June, the **Montgomery County Coin Club** watched a video on Pounds, shillings, and pence: a brief history of English coinage denominations. In July, they held a member bourse night. August featured a talk by President **Jack Schadegg** on the minimal U.S. coinage for 1922. Local numismatist and noted coin dealer **Julian Leidman** of Bonanza Coins spoke at the September meeting on the hobby normalization process in the waning pandemic environment.

In June, the **Washington Numismatic Society** held their twice annual pot-luck dinner with exhibits. In September, they had members bring in special mint holders for coin sets. The next meeting will take place on October 18 and on Zoom, and feature WNS President Simcha Kuritzky speaking on collecting Israel's commemorative coins by series. The Zoom Meeting ID is 867 0248 3353 and the Passcode is 529923.

Coin Club Meeting Calendar (most months)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
First				Baltimore
Second	Cambridge, Colonial	Montgomery, W. Maryland	Belmar, MR, Catonsville	
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What's Your Sign?

Part Fifty-Two: Giampaoli Nike Pendants

by Simcha Kuritzky, NLG

There is a particularly beautiful set of pendants made in Italy by master engraver Pietro Giampaoli. I've only seen silver medals that are 1" in diameter (with the bezel) and weigh around 13 grams. The gold comes in small size of 19mm/5.5 grams and a large size of 60mm/33 grams. The only real text is Giampaoli which appears at the bottom of the obverse. Each of the signs is accompanied by a small sigil and between three and six stars, except for Leo the sun sign, which shows a radiant sun at the top right that has captured the attention of the lion.

They all have a reverse showing the Greek goddess of victory Nike holding an olive wreath and flying over a quadriga (four horse chariot) with a reclining driver in a chariot. The design is reminiscent of the Syracuse decadrachm, though Nike is much larger. Beneath are either two or three hallmarks. These come in sterling silver and 18 karat gold

(hallmarked 925 and 750, respectively). They also have the hallmark *1AR for first hallmark from Arezzo, Italy, a province in north central Italy near Florence. The third hallmark is UNOAERRE, an Italian jewelry company founded in 1926 in Arezzo.

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EXHIBIT RULES

1. Exhibit applications should be received no later than February 1, 2023. Applications received after that date will be accepted only if space and cases are available.
2. All exhibits are to be in place by 11:00 A.M. on Friday, March 17, 2023 and are not to be removed without permission of the Exhibit Chairman prior to 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, March 18, 2023.
3. It is understood that your exhibit case(s) will be opened **ONLY** in your presence.
4. All keys are to be retained by the Exhibit Chairman or their proxy.
5. All materials in a display must be the exclusive property of the exhibitor.
6. Any material in a display which is not genuine must be so identified.
7. The name or identity of exhibitors shall not appear on exhibits.
8. No exhibit shall contain advertising for items that are for sale.
9. The right is reserved to restrict material outside of the exhibit case(s), which might distract attention from other exhibits.
10. The maximum number of cases per single exhibit is seven (7). If more than one exhibit is entered by a single exhibitor, there will be a maximum of ten (10) cases total.
11. The awards will include a Best of Show Award, Master (second place) and Superior (third). Appreciation awards will be given to all other exhibitors. Collectors may enter more than one exhibit, but <u>will be entitled to receive only ONE award</u>.

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Friday	March 17, 2023	9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

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This agreement made and entered into this _____ day of _____ 202__ by the **MARYLAND STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, INC., Baltimore Convention Center, and Whitman Coin & Collectibles Expo LLC,** hereinafter referred to as party of the first part; and _____ hereinafter referred to as party of the second part.

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MSNA by-laws require an annual election in which all paid-up members can participate. Please include your name on the envelope and vote for one candidate per office or write in your candidate. As mentioned in the President's Message, we are looking for a new president and vice president. Since most of our operations and meetings have been on hold due to the pandemic, we haven't been able to come up with a full slate of officers. The results will be announced at the MSNA annual meeting at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, November 1 on Zoom.

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☐ Edward Craig

☐ _____ (write-in)

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☐ _____ (write-in)

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Maryland Coin Show Dates

All shows have free admission. Only the Whitman show does not have free parking. All shows are subject to cancellation due to the pandemic; check before going.

2022

22-23 Oct. – Frederick Coin and Currency Show, Elk Lodge #684, 289 Willowdale Drive, Frederick, MD; 9-4:30.

27-29 Oct. – Whitman Baltimore Coin & Currency Convention, Baltimore Convention Center, 1 West Pratt Street; Thu 2-6, Fri-Sat 10-6, Sun. 10-3.

27 Nov. – Annapolis Coin and Currency Show, Elks Lodge #622, 2 Pythian Drive, Edgewater, MD; 9-4.

3-4 Dec. – Frederick Coin and Currency Show, Elk Lodge #684, 289 Willowdale Drive, Frederick, MD; 9-4:30.

18 Dec. – Hunt Valley Coin and Currency Show, Embassy Suites, 213 International Circle, Hunt Valley, MD; 9-4. (410) 929-8178

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